

L4: The Dispensations of Innocence and Conscience

Introduction:

A Dispensation is a period of time during which God tests man's submission to His revealed will in matters relating to the governing of the earth.

Key Point #1: These different dispensations are NOT a reference to different ways of _____.

The basis of salvation in every age is the death of Christ; the _____ for salvation in every age is faith; the _____ of faith in every age is God's clear revelation; the _____ of faith changes in the various dispensations.

Dispensation #1: The Age of Innocence (Genesis 1:28 - 3:6)

The Age of Innocence deals with the period of time which extends from the _____ of man to the _____ of man (into a sinful condition). While this age is usually referred to as the Age of "Innocence," perhaps "Freedom" better characterizes the condition of man before the fall.

Dispensation #2: The Age of Conscience (Genesis 4:1 – 8:14)

The period of time before the Fall might be known as the Age of Innocence. Before man fell, he was favorably disposed toward God, and he was able to have face-to-face communication with God (Genesis 2:15-17; 3:8-13). So, we might say that man enjoyed a time of "holiness", he was created by God, so it was a "creature holiness." However, man was not _____ into his created state forever, he could lose that "innocent" state by his own choice. Which, sadly, he did.

Conclusion: